

Resolution no. 10/23
of the Senate of the University of Gdańsk
of 21 February 2023

**Appeal to the International Olympic Committee on banning Russian and Belarusian athletes
from participating in the XXXIII Olympic Summer Games in Paris in 2024**

On the basis of § 28 section 1 point 25 of the Statute of the University of Gdańsk of 13 June 2019 (with amendments) – it is resolved as follows:

§ 1.

In its implementation of important tasks in the field of scientific research, education and the promotion of development, the University of Gdańsk community is guided by the principles of social responsibility as fostered by the academic world, of openness and of respect for equality. On account of the location in which we function, Gdańsk and Pomerania, the values which we hold in particularly high regard are **freedom, solidarity and peace**.

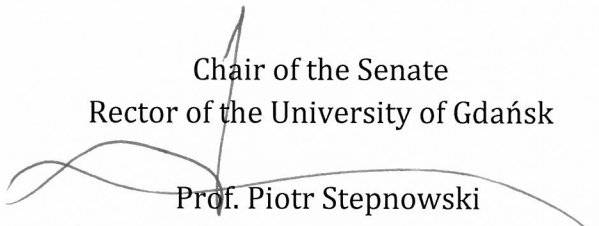
Over the past months, as the academic community of the University of Gdańsk, we have become involved in providing shelter and assistance to Ukrainian war refugees. For several months, the Faculty of Social Sciences operated a support centre created by our students and employees who in large numbers and with great dedication spontaneously committed to providing help, relief and succour to those who had fled from Ukraine and the atrocities of war waged by the Russian Federation with the collusion of the Republic of Belarus. Having witnessed the drama and the tragic accounts of the people who had fled the war, we became all the more convinced of the egregious, cruel and senseless nature of this aggression.

In the name of the values which the University of Gdańsk community holds dear and the values of Olympism at the very core of which lies the idea of peaceful and honest competition, we hereby call upon the International Olympic Committee under your direction to ban athletes from the aggressor state, the Russian Federation, and its ally Belarus from participating in the forthcoming Olympic Games, even under a neutral Olympic flag. The aggressive military attack waged by these states has not only deprived Ukrainian athletes of the chance to prepare for the Olympics but has wrought violent destruction on their country and their families, while frequently taking the lives of athletes themselves. This stands in stark contradiction to the principle and spirit of Olympism.

§ 2.

The Resolution shall come into force on the day it is adopted.

Chair of the Senate
Rector of the University of Gdańsk


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